

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's comments, detailed in the Office Action dated 29 October 2004, which have greatly assisted Applicant in responding.

5 Applicants also thank the Examiner for the allowable subject matter recited in Claims 14, 15, 17-19, 31-35, and 47-51.

Claims 1-51 are pending in the present application. Independent Claims 1, 20, and 36 have been amended for further clarification. Claims 19, 35, and 51 have been
10 cancelled without prejudice and their limitations have been incorporated into independent Claims 1, 20, and 36, respectively.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103

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Claims 1-13, 16, 20-30, and 36-46 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu et al. (US 20030006956) in view of Wang et al (US5,926,566). Applicant respectfully submits that Wu and Wang, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach, suggest, or render obvious the present invention as claimed.

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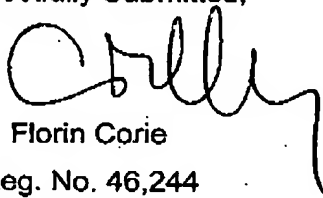
Independent Claims 1, 20, and 36 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of respective allowable claims 19, 35, and 51. In light of the amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 20, and 36 are distinguishable over Wu and Wang, taken alone or in combination, and should be allowed. Claims 2-18, 21-34, and 37-50,
25 dependent directly or indirectly from Claims 1, 20, and 36 respectively, are either allowable, as stated in the Office Action, or distinguishable over Wu and Wang, taken alone or in combination, and should be allowed, at least for the same reasons as stated above.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant considers the claimed invention to be distinguished from the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the Examiner's withdrawal of the rejections raised in the above referenced Office Action, such that a Notice of Allowance is forwarded to Applicant, and the present application is therefore allowed to issue as a United States Patent.

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